



# ~ City of Harrington ~

**To:** 2018 Harrington Municipal Election Candidates

**From:** Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council

**RE:** Candidate Requirements

The City of Harrington's Regular Municipal Election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Price Community Center, 103 Dorman Street.

The following are the qualifications for candidates as outlined in the City's Charter:

- At least 18 years of age (§ 5.2.1)
- Filed a nominating petition (§ 5.2.1)
- Qualified to vote (§ 5.2.1)
  - Resident of Harrington (§ 6.2)
  - United States citizen (§ 6.2)
  - At least 18 years of age (§ 6.2)
  - Registered with the Kent County Department of Elections (§ 6.2)
- No conviction of a felony or crime of moral turpitude (§ 5.2.2)

Background checks must be completed with the State Bureau of Identification (SBI) as soon as possible. SBI (739-5871) is located in the Blue Hen Corporate Center, 655 Bay Rd., Dover and is open Mondays from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm and Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. No appointment is necessary. Please have the background check sent directly to the Clerk of Council, Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman St., Harrington, DE 19952 or bring the original copy to City Hall once you receive it.

Once you complete your background check, please submit the check request form with the receipt attached. You will be reimbursed for the cost of the background check as long as it comes back as acceptable for the purposes of filling a seat on the Harrington City Council.

Campaign finance form(s) must be completed within 7 days of filing your candidacy or the State Election Commissioner may disqualify you as a candidate. Please see the enclosed information on campaign finance. Since the office pays more than \$1,000, you must form a candidate committee. You must be register online at <https://cfrs.elections.delaware.gov> and also print, sign, and mail the Statement of Organization to the Office of the State Election Commissioner. Contact the Office of the State Election Commissioner at [www.elections.delaware.gov](http://www.elections.delaware.gov) or (302) 739-4277 if you have any campaign finance questions.

Any candidate that has not been determined by the Clerk of Council to have met the qualifications by 12:00 p.m. on April 13, 2018, including a background check received by the Clerk of Council, will be scheduled for a hearing before the disinterested members of City Council who shall be the final judge of the qualifications of its members based on the standards set forth in the Charter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at City Hall, 106 Dorman St., or at (302) 398-4476.